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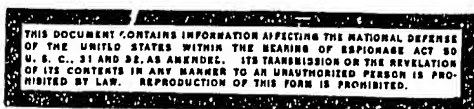
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POLISH EXPORT, IMPORT, AND PRODUCTION
OF SOME CHEMICAL AND RELATED PRODUCTS

A Russian-language advertising leaflet of unknown date issued by Ciech (Central Import and Export Office of Chemicals and Chemical Equipment Ltd., ul. Jasna 10, Warsaw) states that this office offers for export the following products:

Inorganic Chemicals

Potassium nitrate, arsenic sublimed, sodium bichromate, caustic soda, sodium nitrate, ammonium bicarbonate, ammonium chloride refined, ammonium chloride in white briquettes, sodium thiosulfate crystalline, and calcined soda (sodium carbonate)

Pigments

Zinc white, lithopone, ultramarine, etc.

Organic Products

Charcoal, colophony, aniline oil, etc.

Coal and Carbon Products

Carbon electrodes, various small carbon objects, naphthalene pressed, carbon linings, etc.

An illustration in the center of the leaflet shows carbon electrodes, rods, slabs, and tubes of various sizes, and carbon gasket rings. The leaflet further states that Ciech imports drugs, chemical equipment, and miscellaneous chemicals.

A five-language (Polish, Russian, English, French, and German) catalog issued by Ciech and published in Warsaw (214 pp; date of publication unknown) states that various small carbon products can be supplied and enumerates them as follows (p 51):

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Paraffined element carbons for batteries, carbon rods for heaters, cinema [projector arc lamp] carbons. [Other] arc lamp carbons, welding carbon plates, cryptol, welding carbons, microphone powder and plates, electric current collectors, storage battery cells, battery and element cells, electrolysis rollers up to 100 mm in diameter, resistance carbons (highly resistant), packing rings, and all kinds of element, carbons made to order according to supplied designs, up to 100 mm in diameter.

The Informateur sur le Commerce Avec la Pologne (Information Booklet on Trade with Poland), published by the Polish Chamber of Foreign Commerce, Polish State Publishing House, Warsaw, 1952, 71 pp, states that Ciech Ltd is engaged in the importation and exportation of the products listed below (cf p 24). No distinction is made between exports and imports. all products are lumped together. The list follows:

Organic and inorganic chemical products (raw materials and semifinished products); specific drugs and pharmaceutical products in general; dyestuffs, paints, and varnishes; resins, natural and synthetic; rubber, natural and synthetic; plastics; waxes, Montan wax; natural oils (with the exception of petroleum derivatives); fatty alcohols; chemical fertilizers; anthracite; aromatic substances; laboratory reagents; insecticides; and graphite products.

No other office or company which specializes in this type of products (chemicals and carbon or graphite products) is listed in the booklet; however, the commercial state enterprise "Minex", ul. Kredytowa 4, Warsaw, is indicated as being engaged in the import of graphite (cf p 29).

According to Wstep do Nauki Planowania Gospodarki Narodowej (Introduction to the Study of National Economic Planning) by Bronislaw Minc, Poland plans to produce 31,000 tons of carbon electrodes in 1955 (Vol I, 1950, p 406).

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